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# **The Backyard in Midsummer**

Robert De Smith

As I duck beneath a low branch,  
The weed-whacker whirring like a mad cicada,  
I am thumped,  
Mid-forehead,  
By a plump pear.  
It is a friendly thump,  
Melon to melon,  
A reminder,  
A promise.